

# ROCKFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

A REVIEW OF STATISTICS AND  
~MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2019

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# Rockford Fire 2019







## LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



What a year ...

Thank you to all the men and women of the Rockford Fire Department who made 2019 such a memorable year. It is difficult to believe how fast these days go, however, this report summarizes just a few of the many activities, training, incidents, and events our department has participated in. I hope you enjoy the memories and I look forward to another memorable year!



# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rockford Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of our community through fire, emergency medical, and life safety services.

## CORE VALUES

Professionalism

Respect

Integrity

Dedication

Empathy





# Administrative Division

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed a balanced budget that included capital improvements for facilities and apparatus
- Worked on various applications for Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)
- Worked with City Hall Customer Service Team to develop responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Customer Service Center
- Developed specifications for various projects such as station improvement projects, station alerting, and turnout gear.





# Operations Division



# Dive Team



The RFD Water Rescue Team consists of 17 active members and 3 members in training. Personnel train on Sub-surface (dive response), Surface (Swift water/Urban Flood), Boat operations, and other Technical aspects that may also include ropes and rigging.

The RFD had several water incidents in 2019.

One note-worthy events was MABAS #8 response to Hardin, Illinois for flood response efforts. (Dantuma, Lanier, Maschke, Riha, as weas members from Belvidere FD, Boone EMA, and North Park Fire) We assisted with building and maintaining levee walls, Welfare checks as directed and assisted by local law enforcement, and continuous risk assessment for the response and assistance to areas that may require evacuation from flooded areas.



We have had several opportunities this past year to use our new side imaging sonar units. They allow us to better identify objects or targets of interest before committing divers to the water for search and rescue/recovery efforts.

With the purchase of the new Urban Flood Response suits, there is also the development of a new SOP that is not yet complete. Once this is finished, we plan to implement the new suits onto the respective Fire apparatus and complete an in-service for all personnel.



# MABAS



Members of our dive team participated in the MABAS Division 8 Water Rescue Team's response to Hardin, IL to assist in a flood response



- Completed rapid response & relocation and MOBEX
- Completed confined space rescue training in partnership with MABAS Division 17 at Byron, IL
- Our Teams recieved a 98% on the most recent MABAS Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) audit with a 98%!



# HAZMATTeam

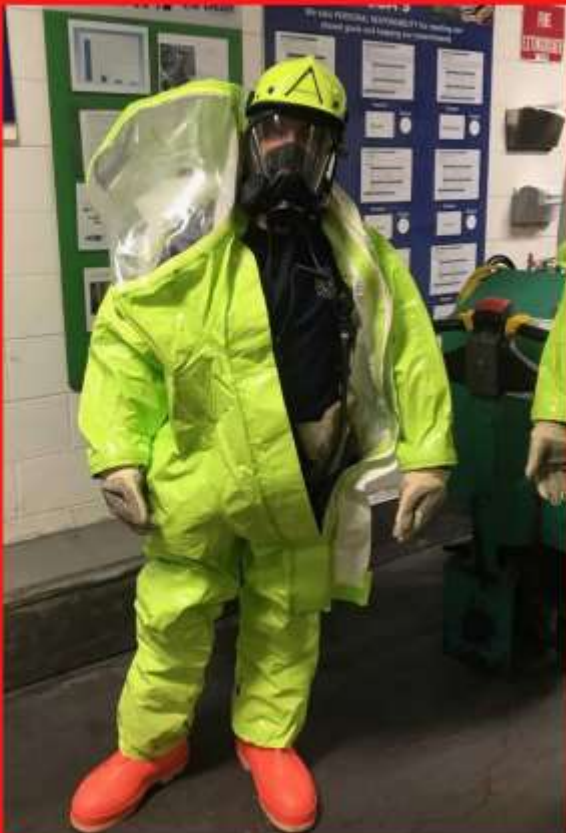


In 2019, the Hazardous Materials Reponse Team responded to 550 hazmat calls or 1.88% of total 2019 call volume. The team held biweekly training on various topics. Monitor use and calibration training was conducted in conjunction with Municipal Equipment Supply, Union Pacific conducted railcar training and Ammonia container training was conducted by FS. Additional areas of training included radiation, bomb training, biological/chemical incidents, and CAMEO/Advanced CAMEO.

A total of 14 Members attended Rail Safety and Hazmat Emergency Response to Chlorine incidents, and 1 member attended Tank Car Specialist in Pueblo, CO. A Department wide Hazardous Materials Drill was conducted at the training academy and included members of the Rockford Police Departments SWAT team as well. Team leaders also participated in the 2019 Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference held locally.

Training goals for 2020 include certifying all members assigned to The Hazardous Materials

Company to the level of Technician. Continue training new members of the department to Hazardous Materials Operations. Additionally, sending members of the Hazardous Materials Team to Advanced Technician Training.



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# Fire Suppression

- 2 new SOPs developed
  - exposure risk reduction
  - urban flooding
  - response
- Continued maintenance of 2 sets of turnout gear
  - 38 pieces of gear were purchased



# Emergency Management

The City of Rockford is accredited as a Non-Mandated Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) as prescribed by the Illinois Administrative Code, and the Fire Department's Emergency Operations Chief is the appointed ESDA Coordinator for the program.

In 2019, the City of Rockford entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to also provide the coordinator for the Winnebago County ESDA. A Winnebago County ESDA Coordinator was hired in late 2019, and works under the Rockford Fire Department to provide emergency management services to Winnebago County.

The City of Rockford completed the Illinois Comprehensive Assessment Threat Tool (IL-CATT) for the City of Rockford, and completed a Multi-Year Training and Exercise plan for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

In 2019, our Emergency Management personnel worked to plan and coordinate the hospital transfer between the Rockton Avenue and East Riverside campuses. Co-directed and planned the Chicago Rockford International Airport Drill and participated in the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee's (LEPC) tabletop exercise. In addition, due to special events and severe weather incidents, a total of 10 incident action plans were created.







# Training Division



# Major Accomplishments



- Designed and built fire burn lab at the academy
- 7 members obtained FAA drone pilot licenses
- New firefighter recruits completed training
- Two members completed Illinois Professional Emergency Manager Designations
- Trained personnel in the use and maintenance of new SCBA







# EMS Division



# Major Accomplishments



- Awarded the AHA mission Lifeline Gold PLUS for excellent STEMI cardiac care Expanded
- continuing education program to include lecture series with a Pharmacist
- Evaluated almost 700 surveys
- and 99% had positive ratings

- 203 cardiac arrest incidents evaluated
  - 15 discharged from hospital alive
  - Utstein rating of 41.7%; above national average of 27%
- Received 4 new ambulances to replace aging fleet
- Placed LUCAS CPR devices in service





# Survivor Event

## Major Accomplishments



Every year the Rockford Fire Department reunites community members who have been helped by Rockford Fire personnel.

This event is hosted during EMS week



This event has grown to include many past survivors and continues to grow!

# Mobile Integrated Health

## Major Accomplishments



- Conducted over 250 patient visits
- Collaborated with the Winnebago County Health Department on Naloxone training
- Worked with the Human Services Department to help detect and address chronic homelessness

- Initiated a community Stop the Bleed training program
- Trained over 800 community members in CCC-CPR



- Trained over 1300 people in naloxone administration
- Implemented an Alternate Destination Transport in partnership with Rosecrance



# Fire Prevention

## Major Accomplishments

- Conducted over 280 fire investigations with over 20% resolved via arrest
- Attended multiple IAAI sanctioned courses on report writing and courtroom testimony.
- Conducted in-house investigation training at the RFD Fire Science Burn Lab at the fire academy.
- Hosted Malooly and Associates at the RFD Academy to present on fire investigations and low odor explosions



- 4 inspectors earned new certifications
- Hosted an Illinois State Fire Marshal School Inspector's Class
- Personnel recertified in firearm use, use of force, and legal updates
- Epi, our Accelerated detection canine recertified in accordance with the ATF guidelines.





# Public Outreach







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Donor & Volunteer

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Breakfast

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

92018 "Diamond Level" Donors

- Arlington Heights Junior Woman's Club
- Bucks for Burn Camp
- Illinois Burn Prevention Association
- Kidde
- Marino Chrysler Jeep Dodge Norwood
- Park Fire Protection District Sprinkler
- Fitters Union local 281
- Steamfitters Local 439
- Swieton/Marriott Golf Memorial
- Terrence Hoyle Golf Memorial
- Tinley Park Fire Department
- VW Credit

"Above & Beyond" Volunteer Award Recipients

- Tim Morris - Individual Award Amethyst
- Skye Salon - Team Award Glenview
- Firefighters 4186 - Team Award
- Johnson Controls - Team Award
- Rockford Fire Department - Team Award
- Dorothy "Dottie" Ahbe - Lifelong Achievement Award
- Robert Payne - Lifelong Achievement Award

Proud Supporters of Fire Safety, Burn Prevention, & Burn Survivors







# Major Accomplishments

- Educated 10,567 adults and 14,701 children
- Conducted mock crashes at area high schools and Rockford University
- Hosted the 15th Annual 911 Run with over 300 registrations
- Attended 65 career events
- Installed over 300 smoke alarms in one day with the American Red Cross
- Taught at the Cilian Police Academy
- Conducted Kids Safety Camps in conjunction with the Police
- Attended Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Camp I Am Me
- Attended National Night Out
- Conducted fire extinguisher training for several local businesses
- Attended Rockford Public Schools Academy Expo
- Developed survey tools to evaluate educational programs
- Hosted Rockford Fire Explorer Post
- Conducted over 85 public outreach events



# Recruitment

## Major Accomplishments

- Participated in many events in support of Rockford Public Schools District #205 Programs
- Supported the development of a firefighter eligibility list





# 911 Division

## Major Accomplishments



- Began upgrade of the CAD system
- Continued work on NG911 System
- Developed many process and technology improvements





# IAFF Local 413





# Retirements







# 2019 Retirees

District Chief Daniel Zaccard .....	38 Years
Administrative Assistant Kathy Olson .....	38 Years
Telecommunicator Sileena Crawford .....	31 Years
Lieutenant Michael Barnhart .....	30 Years
Driver Engineer Joel Erickson .....	28 Years
Driver Engineer Steven Rydholm .....	27 Years
Driver Engineer Lisa Williams .....	26 Years
Telecommunicator Dave Otwell .....	26 Years



# Promotions & Appointments

Jody Bausic	Appointed Driver Engineer 6/2/19
Miguel Holland	Appointed Driver Engineer 6/5/19
Andrew Bolhous	Appointed Driver Engineer 7 /19/19
Brett Beaman	Appointed Driver Engineer 8/3/19
Timothy Morris Jr	Appointed Driver Engineer 8/3/19
Curtis Beilfuss	Promoted Lieutenant 6/5/19
Kevin Mottor	Promoted Lieutenant 8/3/19
Rodriquez George	Promoted Captain 8/3/19
Slade Berry	Promoted District Chief 8/3/19
Robert Chaney	Appointed Recruiter 12/15/19
Lisa Sotakoun	Promoted Ad min Assistant 1/10/19



# Paramedic Clinic '15



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